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## Sweeping Reduction

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### Men's, Boys and Children's CLOTHING and OVERCOATS!

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**While They Last.**

**Men's Suits.** Several styles of Suits, some lots all sizes; Suits sold by the Globe Store at \$6.00, \$6.50 and \$7.00; all combined together and priced \$4.50.

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**Men's and Boys' Shoes.** Enamel and patent leather Shoes; worth from \$2.00 to \$3.00; your choice \$1.75.



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**Men's and Young Men's OVERCOATS.**

Strictly all-wool chevots, green, grey, oxfords; worth from \$6.00 to \$7.00; your choice \$4.00.

Men's black and blue Beaver Overcoats, worth from \$6.00 to \$7.00; your choice \$4.00.

Men's High-grade all-wool Kersey Overcoats, worth from \$10 to \$12; your choice \$8.00.



**While They Last.**

Glove-fitting Underwear.....15c

Jersey Fleeced lined Shirts.....48c

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Medicated Underwear.....75c

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Men's Suits—Nobby Woolen Suits in the latest cuts and stylish makes, marked by the Globe Store \$7.98; will go now at \$5.00.

Men's Suits—In Velours and Cashmeres—the military make—fine lined and trimmed; Globe Store price \$9.98; unparalleled sale price \$6.00.

Swell Styles—This season's material, Men's Suits, fabrics the best, fashion the latest; priced by the Globe Store \$13.50; unparalleled sale price \$7.50.

Men's High-grade Melton and Kersey Overcoats, lined with finest Venetian lining; worth from \$15 to \$18; your choice \$9.00.

Men's finest Overcoats, equally as good as a tailor could make for \$18 or \$20; your choice of any of these Overcoats, even the special order ones, at \$10.00.

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A man of experience in the sewing machine business after examining this machine said "THE STANDARD GRAND is the handiest and finest sewing machine I have seen in sixteen years in the sewing machine business."

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MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE.

## Try for Health

222 South Poria St., CHICAGO, ILL., Oct. 7, 1902.

Eight months ago I was so ill that I was compelled to lie or sit down nearly all the time. My stomach was so weak and upset that I could keep nothing on it and I vomited frequently. I could not urinate without great pain and I coughed so much that my throat and lungs were raw and sore. The doctors pronounced it Bright's disease and offered me a bottle of Wine of Cardui. I had never tried Wine of Cardui. I told her I had not and she bought a bottle. I believe many women could save much suffering if they but knew of its value.

*Sergius Dunder*

Don't you want freedom from pain? Take Wine of Cardui and make one supreme effort to be well. You do not need to be a weak, helpless sufferer. You can have a woman's health and do a woman's work in life. Why not secure a bottle of Wine of Cardui from your druggist today?

WINE OF CARDUI

The Transcript, \$1.00.

### WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 5th, 1904.

O, chief of the Sandy Seraglio? O, boss of supreme hiding away? I'm sorry for you, and I'll tell you how you can get rid of your spats; Your rows with your wives and the nation.

Will end with this one stroke of wit: Indulge in a new revelation—That's it! Don't grumble of slander and libel, Nor talk about hiding away from the law. Hatch out a new leaf for your Bible And stay.

THE examination of Reed Smoot, Apostle, elected to the Senate from Utah, is proceeding before the Committee on Elections of the Senate. Seventeen Mormon witnesses are present, summoned and brought hither by the government. At their head is the venerable President of the Mormon church, Joseph F. Smith, a nephew of the celebrated founder of that religion. Before a committee of Senator he yesterday stated that he had five wives who had borne him eleven children, since the government manifesto, and when asked why he had disobeyed the Law proclaimed in that prohibition, he frankly stated that to desert his wives and abandon his innocent children would be unhuman and he preferred to receive any punishment that might be inflicted. He said that he had not married an additional wife since that time and that no Mormon had added to his wives since that prohibition was issued. The purpose of the anti-Smoot crusade is to prove that Senator Smoot represents the church and not the state, but the President of the church denied this roundly and repeatedly and declared that the church had nothing whatever to do with the election of civil officers.

On the 23rd inst, the Senate indulged in a spirited running debate on the Naval appropriation bill, as presented by Senator Hale of Maine. In round numbers the bill will carry one hundred millions of dollars for the next fiscal year. While this is a very large sum Senator Hale admitted that if the naval program is carried out, in a few years the naval establishment will cost two hundred millions of dollars annually, and there will be 90,000 sailors afloat. This will make the navy of the United States second only to that of England. Expansion, and the retention of the Philippine island, was given as the reason why such a great navy is needed. Senator Depew pictured gloomily the great results that might be expected to flow from our Oriental commerce when each of the four hundred millions of Chinese wears a cotton shirt made in America, and eats Parker House biscuits made of America grown wheat. Already the government has a fleet of twenty-four war ships in Asiatic waters to protect American interests. Incidentally, the question arose whether the guns on the new ship should be mounted in revolving turrets, or on platforms, on barbettes, as in the English navy. As no one could answer this technical question it was dropped. There was little opposition to the bill, and it will pass.

Work on the Panama canal will now be in order. As the Senate has confirmed the Commissioners selected by the President and their \$10,000 salaries now begin to run, they will take a trip to the zone and look over the ground. It is proposed to raise the city of Colon some three feet or more, in order to make it possible to secure drainage. Admiral Walker is not as optimistic as could be wished. He says persons who think the canal will be begun immediately, expect tentatively, are very much mistaken. No digging for two years yet. It is proposed to invite the President to cut the first shovel-full of turf.

The government is going to help out the farmer; show him how to conduct a farm, pay part of the expenses and let him pocket the resulting profits. The farms will be called United States Diversification farms. The first one is to be situated near Columbia, S. C., and thirty others are to be operated in the Southern States. One fourth of a farm not less than fifty acres may be planted with cotton; the remainder must be devoted to feed for live stock. This may be hogs or dairy cattle. Seed and one half of the fertilizer will be given, and an inspector will call once a month.

The President has not decided whether he can go to Jackson, Mich., to attend the birthday celebration of the Republican party. It cost more than \$2,000 a year to catch White House cranks and send them back to the town whence they came. A host of the advocates of the service pension bill have been laboring with the President to secure his influence for the measure. Thus far he is non-committal. It is now said the bill will take but \$19,000,000 per year, enough to build three large war ships. A delegation of foresters has called upon the President and in a little speech he assured them he was in favor of putting timber lands to their best use. The President has been advised that it should not take more than 30 days to hand over the money and close the Panama deal.

Gen. C. H. Grover, of Ohio, will come back to Congress for the 10th time. He is as grateful as ever and promises not to do so again. While ex-Secretary Carlisle is in Washington attending the Smoot inquiry he will look into the affairs of the Red Cross Society. There is curiosity to know how the funds have been expended. Senator Quay, of Pa., appeared in the Senate on the 3rd inst., quite tanned by Florida sunshine, but evidently not improved in health. He has the same languid air and drops off into a cat nap as soon as he sits down. John Mitchell of the labor unions, who lives in Washington, says the least the poorest workmen should have a year is \$600. The Minister from Venezuela has closed up his legation and gone out of business. Some one at the other end of the line stopped his pay. Senator Lodge's son John has an ear for music. He has organized a string quartet and will entertain society after Lent. Senator Spooner has a son who is studying art. He paints portraits. The Senator has just been subjected to a small but painful surgical operation.

### BY THE GRATE

BY J. M. LEWIS.

When the days get raw and chilly, And the nights come down with murk And the home cat playing "horseback" With the baby after work, And the hour grows late and eerie, And the sleepy head bends low, Then I take her and I tell her Dear old tales of long ago.

Then I'd like a good old fireplace With the flames all white and red, And the shadows swiftly chasing Through her curls and overhead; With the corners dark and gloomy, Then I wish that things might be As they were in my far childhood, When my dad told tales to me.

I presume when she is grown up, And electric currents heat Houses in new-fangled fashion, She will sit and toast her feet, And long for her far-off childhood, And the days of heat by steam, As I long for flames and shadows, And the grate's romantic gleam.

And she'll rock a towhead baby In her arms, and crooning low Sing the songs I used to know; Songs my mother used to sing me, Croon above my tousled head When the dark was in the corners And the flames were white and red.

And she'll wish for hot-air heaters, Dear romantic old-style things; Things she knew in this her childhood, Things to which one's memory clings, But the world makes all for progress, Knowing never stay nor wait, Goes and leaves my spirit sitting By a queer old-fashioned grate.

### SHAD COMING

Delaware shad will soon be in the markets, for the fishermen say that as soon as the ice leaves the Delaware river, they will begin fishing. That shad already are running in the river is evident from the fact that several have been caught near New Castle. Local fishermen are overhauling their nets and repairing their boats in preparation for the coming season. Fishing will be impossible so long as ice remains in the river for it damages the nets, and the fishermen who sustain enough losses from damage done to their nets by craft plying up and down river are unwilling to take the risk. At times the river appears to be comparatively free from ice, but with a change of wind it comes back in large quantities. However, if the warm weather continues for awhile longer the fishermen say it will soon disappear.

### FATALLY BURNED

Miss Leona Hiron, the bright and attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hiron, of the Geo. W. Turner farmer near Smyrna, died at 10 o'clock Tuesday night as the result of a horrible burning accident. The little girl, who was but 12 years old, was caressing a lamb Monday afternoon which was brought in the house in an almost drowned condition, and in stooping in front of the stove her skirt caught fire. Her mother was in Smyrna at the time and her father was in the woods back of the farm. In her awful predicament she tried to get water at the pump and failing, she rushed out and rolled in a mud puddle. A little colored boy arrived and poured some water on her burning clothes. The fire was extinguished but not before it had done its awful work.

### WILL HOLD CONVENTION

The State Republican Committee will meet in the rooms of the Y. M. R. C. in Wilmington March 14th to arrange for a State convention. The following letter was sent to the members of the committee Tuesday:

Dear Sir:—A meeting for the Republican Committee is called for Monday March 14th, at 10.30 A. M., to be held in the rooms of the Young Men's Republican Club of Wilmington, Delaware. The purpose of the meeting is to arrange for the State convention to select delegates to the Republican National Convention.

Yours very truly,  
Henry B. Thompson, Chairman.  
By Geo. B. Hynson, Secretary.

### WORLD'S FAIR AT ST. LOUIS

The Louisiana Purchase Exposition will open at St. Louis April 30, and will be in perfect condition on that date. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company will run the first low-rate coach excursion from the East to the World's Fair on May 10, affording residents of the Eastern section an opportunity to see the great Exposition in all the glory of its pristine freshness. Tickets will be sold from all principal stations on the Pennsylvania Railroad System. The fare from New York will be \$20; from Philadelphia, \$18.50, with proportionate rates, approximating one cent per mile, from other points. These tickets will be good going only on special coach trains to be run on May 10, and returning in coaches of regular trains leaving St. Louis not later than May 19.

### MUTUAL LOAN ASSOCIATION.

The Thirty Second Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Mutual Loan Association, of Middletown, Delaware, will be held in the Office of the secretary.

On Tuesday Eve., March 15, 1904, at 8 o'clock,

for the purpose of electing a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer to serve one year and three Directors to serve three years. The books are now open for sale of 32d Series Stock, the first payment on which can be made on or before the 15th inst. The 20th Series of Stock has just been matured, paying the stockholders six and a half per cent. on their investment. This Association affords excellent opportunity for those who wish to build or buy a home, or to invest their small earnings in a safe place. The Secretary can be consulted at any time by calling at his office.

JOHN F. MCWHORTER, President,  
ALFRED G. COX, Secretary.

### NAT. BUILDING, LOAN AND PROVIDENT ASSOCIATION

The excellent condition of this Association at the close of business Dec. 31st, 1903, is shown by the last annual statement as given below. This Association is purely mutual. Shares in force 4156. In an open letter to the stockholders the management states that:

We take pleasure in handing you here-with statement of the financial condition of our Association at the close of business December 31st, 1903, a careful examination of which will convince you of the healthy progress of the Association. We are now stronger than at any previous time in our existence, and we hope for the continuation of the public confidence which has always been ours. During the last two years we have reduced our liabilities by paying to withdrawing shareholders over one hundred thousand dollars, yet our stock in force has not been materially lessened.

Our methods are most advanced; our charter specifically defines our powers and duties. The economical and conservative management of the Association should insure a continued increase in membership and increased public confidence.

Any further information concerning the Association will be cheerfully furnished. The comparatively small amount of Real Estate on hand \$6505.84 shows a return of \$779.34 in rentals or 12 per cent. In fact the item of "Real Estate on Hand" is \$1200.00 less than one year ago, not a single piece of property having been taken over during the year although the Mortgage Loans amount to \$159,748.70.

The economical management is shown by the fact that during the past year only \$1096.56 was paid out for salaries and office expenses, which includes postage, printing, stationery, etc., which was only 14 per cent of the receipts.

Besides the usual statement of Assets and Liabilities given by similar Associations, an itemized statement of Receipts and Disbursements is included, showing the sources from which all monies were received and how every dollar was invested and expended.

An increase of nearly \$8,000 in the surplus fund for the past year, brings that fund up to \$22,801.41 or 144 per cent. of all other liabilities.

Dr. W. E. Barnard the local Secretary and Treasurer, states that there are about 500 shares in force in Middletown and vicinity.

This Association will mature its first series of stock in 100 months or 84 years. Ever since this Association started business its applications for loans have been far in excess of its loanable funds on hand, and at the present time applications are filed at the Home Office for \$40,000 to \$50,000. Consequently, all loans have been made where the security was of the highest grade, making a class of investments unexcelled.

### STATEMENT

ASSETS	
Loans on Bond and Mortg.	\$159,748.70
Loans on Shares of Stock	7,472.50
Real Estate	6,505.84
Unpaid Dues	2,865.83
Interest, Premium and Fines Due and Unpaid	2,376.64
Office Furniture and Supplies	1,500.00
Cash on Hand	468.28
	\$180,937.79
LIABILITIES	
Installment Stock	\$101,381.83
Full Paid Stock	45,937.50
Paid Up Stock	2,130.58
Lapsed and Forfeited Stock	303.97
Class C Stock	382.50
Loans Payable	8,000.00
Surplus	22,801.41
	\$180,937.79

RECEIPTS	
Installment Stock	\$45,035.70
Full Paid Stock	11,750.00
Paid Up Stock	1,057.75
Mortgage Loans Repaid	19,415.00
Stock Loans Repaid	3,762.52
Interest and Premium	16,688.10
Fines	510.08
Appraisal Fees	175.00
Loans Payable	8,000.00
Transfer Fees	23.00
Life Insurance Premiums	185.00
Sales of Real Estate	1,200.00
Rents of Real Estate	779.34
Forfeited Stock	468.00
Sale of Office Furniture	108.00
Legal Expenses Returned	18.92
	\$109,176.50

DISBURSEMENTS	
Overdraft, January 1, 1903	\$ 54.80
Installment stock, withdrawals	87,969.46
Share of Surplus to Withdrawing Members	4,048.55
Full Paid Stock Withdrawn	2,500.00
Paid Up Stock Redeemed	3,153.35
Lapsed Stock Settled	313.22
Interest on Stock and Certificates	2,571.61
Loans on Bond and Mortgage	49,133.52
Loans on Shares of Stock	5,190.00
Real Estate Cost and Expense	609.13
Life Insurance Premiums	116.59
Office Expenses, Salaries, etc.	1,896.56
License Tax	25.00
Agents' Commissions	1,145.84
Legal Expenses	120.59
Cash balance in hand	468.28
	\$109,176.50

PROGRESS OF THE ASSOCIATION FROM DEC. 31, 1899, TO DEC. 31, 1903.

ASSETS	
December, 1899	\$ 51,171.25
December, 1900	91,889.63
December, 1901	130,052.06
December, 1902	157,403.07
December, 1903	180,937.79
SURPLUS	
December, 1899	\$ 1,747.84
December, 1900	7,460.58
December, 1901	12,908.69
December, 1902	15,058.77
December, 1903	22,801.41

Jos. L. CARPENTER, Jr., President.  
Geo. D. KELLEY, Vice President.  
John N. CARSWELL, Treasurer.  
Thos. B. YOUNG, Secretary.

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### MY GREATEST BLUNDER

In the Crerar Library, Chicago, is a book which 500 men, out of work, have written of "the greatest blunder of their life." It is a collection made by Dr. Earl Pratt. Here are some of them. They may prove a word in season to some erring reader.

"Didn't save what I earned."

"Did not as a boy realize the value of an education."

"If I had taken better care of my money I would be better in health and morals."

"Did not realize the importance of sticking to one kind of employment."

"The greatest blunder of my life was when I took my first drink."

"One of the greatest blunders of my life was not to perfect myself in one of the lines of business I started out to learn."

"My greatest blunder was when I left school in the fifth grade."

"The turning point in my life was when at fifteen I ran away from home."

"Spent my money foolishly when I was earning good wages."

"When I let myself be misled thinking that I need not stick to one thing."

"Self-conceit and not listening to my parents."

"Was to fool away my time when at school."

### AFTER FRUIT FARMS

Canadians, both French and English, are immigrating to Delaware and keeping the real estate men busy in Dover, Milford and Laurel. These thirty settlers have been attracted here by the claims of the State Board of Agriculture and are taking up farms through the fruit sections, preparing to give the little garden state a fair test this spring and summer.

The principal industry of farmers throughout lower Canada, that of cheesemaking, is becoming cut up by competition and trusts and they are, many of them, seeking a more diversified country where the farmer's year does not have to hang upon the growth of one or two crops. The small fruit farms which can be managed and worked by a healthy farmer and his boys without depending upon outside help, seem to be the desideratum.

### OLD POINT COMFORT, RICHMOND, AND WASHINGTON

The first personally-conducted tour to Old Point Comfort, Richmond, and Washington via the Pennsylvania Railroad for the present season will leave New York and Philadelphia on Saturday, March 12. Tickets, including transportation, meals en route in booby direction, transfer of passengers and baggage, hotel accommodations at Old Point Comfort, Richmond, and Washington, and carriage ride about Richmond—in fact, every necessary expense for a period of six days—will be sold at rate of \$36.00 from New York, Brooklyn and Newark; \$34.50 from Trenton; \$33.00 from Philadelphia, and proportionate rates from other stations.

Old Point Comfort Only

Tickets to Old Point Comfort only, including luncheon on going trip, one and three-fourths days' board at Chamberlin Hotel, and good to return direct by regular trains within six days, will be sold in connection with this tour at rate of \$17.00 from New York, Brooklyn, and Newark; \$15.50 from Trenton; \$14.50 from Philadelphia, and proportionate rates from other points.

For itineraries and full information apply to ticket agent; Tourist Agent, 263 Fifth Avenue, New York; 4 Count Street, Brooklyn; 789 Broad Street, Newark, N.J.; or Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

### The Pacific Coast via Baltimore & Ohio R. R.

The Baltimore & Ohio R. R. will sell daily from February 29 to April 30 inclusive colonist tickets to points in California, Arizona, British Columbia, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon and Washington. To Portland, Tacoma, Seattle, Los Angeles and other points in California the rate is \$49.75, to other points proportionately low rates. For full particulars write or apply to H. A. Miller, T. P. Agt., Water & Market Streets, Wilmington, Del., or to the nearest B. & O. ticket office.

### TO BORROW \$6,000,000

The Baltimore authorities have decided to float a loan of \$6,000,000 for the widening of streets and other extensive improvements in the burned district, including the purchase of water front property. The latter will cost the city \$3,000,000 and will comprise the purchase of a number of piers, former lumber yards and merchandise sites covering a total area of about thirty-five acres. The city engineers will lay new wharves and staid narrow streets leading to the wharves will be widened and docks improved. This covers about one-third of the burned area.

### BITTEN BY DOG

Miss Wilson, a step daughter of J. Edward Addicks, living near Claymont, was severely bitten by a pet bulldog last week and has gone to the Pasteur Institute for treatment. Miss Wilson with her coachman was administering a whipping to the canine, when, without warning, it sprang upon them, biting them severely. The young lady is known as one of the best horsewomen in this section of the country. The coachman was bitten badly about the hands. He was treated at the residence of J. Edward Addicks, Claymont.

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### NEW MEN! NEW METHODS!

The election on last Monday resulted in the defeat of two of the old members and the choice of Messrs. George V. Peverley and John W. Denney as Town Commissioners. At the time this is written no permanent organization has been effected, nor have we seen a copy of the report of the old board for its last years work. We have been told, however, that on the evening of the last meeting of that body, there were on the table, bills amounting to about seventeen hundred dollars, with only one hundred dollars to apply to their payment. Among these bills were some that were more than one year past due. No mention was made by our informant, as to the amount of discounted notes owing by the Commissioners.

This is a serious financial condition. The total tax levy is only about \$6,000, and with the deductions for fixed charges, such as interest, light and water rates, etc., there is hardly a half of this amount available for current expenses. Thus it is plain that the town is at least six months behind in paying its bills. In private affairs such a condition leads to bankruptcy; in public affairs, it leads to increased taxes. The rate of \$1 per \$100 is as large as this town should be asked to pay, but the bills must be met.

There have appeared in THE TRANSCRIPT recently letters from a citizen and tax-payer, criticizing another branch of the municipal government for its lack of publicity. In many respects, we concur in the views therein expressed, and we particularly believe that the Town Commissioners should hold their meetings at stated intervals, and extend a welcome to the public at those sessions. The press, above all, should be invited to report their proceedings in full. The new commissioners cannot make a better start than by insisting on this reform.

### THE HOLLIS CASE AGAIN

After lying dormant for several months, the charges and counter-charges, of and between the Levy Court, Attorney-General Ward, Magistrate Hollis and others was awakened at last Tuesday's session of the Levy Court when the committee to whom the matter had been referred, reported a draft of a letter to the Attorney-General in reply to one received from him. It will be remembered that Mr. Ward very properly and quite caustically resented the covert implication that he did not know his duties, or would not perform them in this case. As THE TRANSCRIPT pointed out at the time this was uncalled for and was almost insulting to a man who has made such a record as a prosecuting officer. The tenor of the present letter is entirely different. It is drawn in a dignified and courteous manner, and it is to be hoped that the Attorney-General will take the matter up and settle the case as quickly as possible. So long as the Levy Court stood upon its original reference of the case to him, Mr. Ward could not without sacrificing his dignity as a man and as an officer, consider the matter. Now, the case is different, and it is up to him. If Mr. Hollis is guilty of the offenses of which he is charged, he should be punished. If innocent, the public should know it. As it stands now, he is under suspicion, his bill for the quarter under consideration is unpaid and the public is at sea. Again we hope that the Hollis case may be settled and quickly.

### HICK'S FORECAST FOR MARCH

The first storm period will be central on the 4th, and the chances are good for violent gales, especially over the South Atlantic and Gulf regions. Heavy rain and snow in the interior parts of the country, with a blizzard in the North and West, and a cold wave in the East. The weather will be unsettled and bleak from the 6th to the 8th, followed by warmer with cloudiness and rain until about the 15th. From the 15th to the 18th a blizzard will pass over the North and West, with dangerous eastern gales along the Atlantic. Warmer weather and falling barometer will end in a more decided disturbance on the 23rd and 24th. About the 27th, a general change to warmer weather will begin to move out of western extremes, with cloudiness and threatening. During the 29th, 30th and 31st, these conditions will break into general and active storms, rain, wind and thunder will visit most southern parts.

### ST. GEORGES

Edward Gam was a Wilmington visitor on Wednesday.

Miss Clara Barnett spent part of this week in Middletown.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Roberts, of Kenton, were in town on Sunday.

Mrs. W. T. Hoopes is entertaining Miss Annie Rogers, of West Chester.

Miss Beulah Nelson spent Sunday with Miss Hattie Batten, near Delaware City.

Harry Gray, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. J. Gray and wife.

S. S. Gray and wife, of Seaford, are guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Gray.

George Deputy, of New Castle, paid a visit to his cousin, H. C. Grayson, Saturday.

H. C. Gray, wife and daughter spent Sunday with James Deuning and family, in Red Lion.

Mrs. Frances Gray spent last week with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Cleaver, in Kirkwood.

Mrs. A. N. Sutton visited her daughter, Mrs. G. N. Bright, in Delaware City, on Sunday.

The weekly meetings of the M. E. Church have been discontinued for an indefinite period.

Mrs. William Stuckert, of Wyoming, is spending sometime with her son, J. C. Stuckert.

Miss Mabel Jones, of Mt. Cuba, was an over Sunday visitor with her mother, Mrs. Alida Jones.

John Buehn, of Middletown, and William Riley, of Philadelphia, called on friends here Tuesday.

Miss Anna Moore, of Wilmington, was the guest of her parents, John Moore and wife, on Sunday.

Clarence Pool and wife, of McDonough, were entertained on Friday by her parents, A. N. Sutton and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. George Swain are spending a few days with their daughter, Mrs. Samuel Lester, near Delaware City.

Mrs. Charles Rommel and daughter, of Patterson, N. J., are guests of her parents, Rev. J. R. Milligan and wife.

Miss Mary Roberts has returned to Middletown after a week's visit with her parents, William Roberts and wife.

Miss Lucie Hill has returned from a pleasant visit in Wilmington, where she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Jester.

The remains of Philip Clark, of Baltimore, a former resident of our community, were brought here and interred in the family burial lot in St. Georges Cemetery on Monday.

The cantata of Red Riding Hood which will be rendered in Odd Fellows' Hall on Friday evening, March 18th, for the benefit of the Presbyterian Church promises to be exceedingly fine.

The oyster and poultry supper which was given last week by the ladies of the M. E. Church in Odd Fellows' Hall was a success financially, fifty-three dollars being realized above all expenses.

The Missionary Anniversary of the M. E. Sunday School, which had been postponed on account of the inclement weather, was held on Sunday evening. A good collection for Missions was taken.

The funeral services of Charles Riley, for many years a highly respected citizen of our town, but who for the past few years has been making his home with his daughter, Mrs. John Buehn, in Middletown, and at which place he died, took place here on Thursday at noon, and were held in the Presbyterian Church, Rev. Dr. Wyatt of Middletown, assisted by Rev. Dr. Milligan, pastor of the church, officiating. National Lodge, No. 32, I. O. O. F., of which the deceased was a member, attended in a body.

### CECILTON

Mrs. Dullie Clark spent a few days of the past week in Middletown.

Miss Lillie Pierce has returned from visiting her aunt in Philadelphia.

Miss G. E. Hoover spent Wednesday with Mrs. George Pierce near town.

The Misses Boulden entertained a few of their friends on Wednesday evening.

Messrs. Edward Mattax and James H. Smith are spending a few days in Baltimore.

Miss Manne Jones has returned from visiting her aunt, Mrs. Julian Jones in Still Pond.

Mrs. J. H. Smith is spending this week with her parents, J. P. McCoy and wife, near town.

Messrs. E. S. Short, J. P. Anderson, T. C. Cruikshank and Lambert Davis spent a few days this week in Baltimore.

Miss Frances Griffith is teaching at Ward's Hill School this week during the illness of its teacher, Miss Helen Ellison.

### CHESAPEAKE CITY

Mrs. James S. Hopper visited Baltimore last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henri Lindsay, Jr., visited his parents last week.

The funeral of Mr. Peter Norton, son-in-law of Mr. John Miller was held at Bethel Cemetery on Sunday morning.

Mr. Samuel Porter, of Bristol, Pa., a brother of Misses Mary and Margaret Porter of this town, died at his home there last Tuesday of Bright's disease.

Miss Anna May Queck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Vaughan of this town, were quietly married at the M. E. Parsonage on Wednesday evening of last week.

The Rielar Willing and the outside steamer, the Henry L. Gay, both are being used by the Ericsson Line to move their accumulated freight, the Anthony Groves having lost her wheel and broken her steering gear, in the ice one day last week.

The Mary Vicker a vessel loaded with coal sunk in Rogues harbor near Turkey Point one day last week. A dredger and the barge Katie were sent down there to lighten her, and had succeeded in getting out about thirty tons when the tide came up and she was entirely submerged.

Several very interesting debates have been held by the "class of 1904" at the High School recently. The following questions have been debated (1) resolved: that the Indians were unjustly deprived of their land—(2) resolved: that the United States Senator should be elected by the people—(3) resolved: that the President of the United States should be elected for

six years and should not be eligible for re-election.

A sand barge that has been lying here all winter because of the ice, sunk on Friday night. The captain had been called away by the death of his father-in-law, and the boat had been left in the care of Mr. Joseph Shaffer. Mr. Shaffer was on board a short time before and there was apparently nothing wrong. In about an hour's time she was found to be leaking badly. Mr. Shaffer with the assistance of some friends succeeded in getting the contents of the cabin out before she sunk.

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Work on the new board-walk at Betterton has begun.

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Mr. and Mrs. William Stradley entertained Mrs. M. Stradley, of near Galena, on Sunday.

Mrs. Louis P. Atwell visited her brother, Robert Johnston and family on Thursday last.

Mrs. Arnold Stewart was entertained on Tuesday by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ricks, of Galena.

Mrs. Raymond Thornley visited her parents at Galena on Tuesday, Mr. and Mrs. T. McIntire.

Mrs. I. A. Litsinger, of Warwick, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Griffith on Tuesday.

The death of Mrs. Harry Wilson of Elk Neck, was received here on Saturday with much sorrow.

Mrs. H. Crockett, of near Middletown, was the guest of her mother on Monday, Mrs. Caroline Johns.

Mrs. Louis Dreka was taken quite sick again today, having been much better several days previous.

Mrs. I. Z. Staats, of Townsend, visited her brother, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Ernst several days last week.

Mr. Arthur Johns, of Rehoboth, Del., is the guest of his mother this week, Mrs. Caroline Johns, near town.

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Miss Hattie Day is sojourning in Baltimore City.

Junior Christian Endeavor prayer meeting to-morrow at 2 o'clock.

Washington Camp, No. 8, P. O. S. of A., meets every Monday evening at 7 o'clock.

Mr. T. P. DeVine who has been quite ill for the past several days is convalescing.

Mrs. Edward Spear, of Bohemia Manor, was the guest of Mrs. S. D. Wilson last Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Mammie Spear, of Bohemia Manor, was a Warwick visitor Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Mrs. Paul Ludus, of Philadelphia, was entertained at the home of her mother, Arabella Piser, last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamel Bouchelle were entertained at the home of Mr. George Goldborough in Middleneck, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Brockson.

Mr. Wilson Merritt who operates a canning house here and one at Golts, is contracting with the farmers for tomatoes at \$8 per ton.

Mr. and Mrs. George Moore, of Chesapeake City, were visitors at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Holden, last Sunday.

Mrs. John R. H. Price, Mrs. Urie P. Ginn and Miss Bessie W. Gunkle attended the funeral services of Mrs. Harry L. Wilson in Elk Neck last Tuesday.

Sacramental services will be held at the M. P. Church Sunday, March 20th. The public is cordially invited to be present.

Rev. W. D. Litsinger pastor.

Miss Myrtle Stradley assistant teacher in our public school, was unable to attend her duties on Monday last owing to the serious illness of her mother in Cecilton.

Rumer says we are to have an extra mail in the near future, both north and south. This will enable our town people to receive Baltimore mail that lays over in Middletown until the following day.

We think if the County Commissioners would take a ride through our town they would be disgusted and would put a few men at work for a short time. We don't care to debate but we surely have some pride as a citizen should for our town.

An unknown colored man on route to Cecilton got stuck in the mud just out side of town last Tuesday evening. His horse went down to his knees. After he and three other men who came to his rescue, labored for three hours they man-

aged to get the horse out and he proceeded on his journey.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Wilson have been in Elk Neck for the past several days at the bedside of their daughter, Mrs. Harry Wilson. Mrs. Wilson who had a severe attack of peritonitis, departed this life Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Funeral services were attended by a large number of her relatives last Tuesday afternoon from this town.

## GROVER!



### Jack of All Jacks,

WEIGHT 850 LBS.

I will stand my Jack at Mr. Jas. L. Dickinson's, Townsend, Del., where I will be pleased to have my friends and patrons that wish to use him this Spring, bring their mares, to the above stables, last week in March, and thereafter as business requires him. His coat is large and smooth.

Terms to insure \$15.00. No single service.

**JACOB T. SHALLCROSS,**  
Sassafra, Md.

### 54 Head Horses and Young Cattle

—AT—

### Public Sale!

The undersigned, having selected with great care will sell at Public Sale, at "Fair Field Farm," on the road leading from St. Georges to Delaware City.

**Monday, MAR. 21, 1904**  
At 10 o'clock, A. M., Sharp.

The following Cattle and Horses, to-wit:

### 44 Young Cows and Heifers

Durham and Guernsey Grades, Some with calf by their side and some Close Springers, a portion with calf by Thoroughbred Guernsey Sires. Also, 3 Guernsey Bulls, one 2 years old; one 1 year old; one 3 years old. Two of these Bulls were selected from the Thoroughbred herd of John C. Higgins, Esq.

Also, Two Yoke of Well-broken Oxen, one pair weighing about 2000 lbs., coming 4 years old; the other weighing about 2400 lbs., coming 5 years old.

One Iron Axle Ox Cart, as good as new. Also, one Durham Bull, 2 years old, by Thoroughbred Sire; Pans, 2 Thoroughbreds.

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THE STATE OF DELAWARE,  
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GREETING:—

Whereas, Mary E. Pearson by her Petition to the Judges of our Superior Court, filed in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court in and for New Castle County, for the cause of complaint therein alleged, has made application to our said Judges that a decree may be pronounced dissolving the marriage existing between the Petitioner and Hiram E. Pearson.

We, therefore command you, as you were heretofore commanded, that you summon Hiram E. Pearson that he be and appear before the Judges of our said Court at the next term thereof to be held at Wilmington, on Monday, the Twenty-third day of May next to answer the allegations of the said petitioner, Mary E. Pearson according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and also to do and receive what the Court shall then and there consider concerning him in this behalf as to the Court shall seem meet and consistent with the provisions of the said Act of Assembly.

And have you then and there this writ. Witness the honorable Chas. B. Lore, at Wilmington, the First day of February A. D., nineteen hundred and four.

FRANK L. SPEAKMAN,  
Issued Feb. 11th, 1904. Prothonotary.

### Lecture,

### Dr. Geo. Hindley

Reserved Seats, 35c.  
Single Admission, 25c.

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North Bound—3.30, 7.30, 9.30 and 11.40 a. m.;  
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Mails Close as Follows:  
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Going South—10 a. m., 4.30 p. m., and 9 p. m.  
For Odessa—8.30 a. m., 11.40 a. m., 5.45 p. m.  
For Warwick, Cecilton, Eastville and Sassafras—8.45 a. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., MON. 12, 1904.

### Local News.

Full line of Fresh Groceries at E. F. Ingram's.

Dr. W. E. Barnard, Surgeon Dentist, office Southeast corner of Main and Scott streets.

FOR SALE.—A Top Buggy and Heavy Hearborn cheap.

J. C. PARKER & SON CO.

FOR SALE.—One Soda Fountain complete, in good order. Address, Lock Box, No. 321.

FOR SALE.—1,000 good Chestnut Posts. Apply to

C. P. COCHRAN AGT., Middletown, Del.

EGGS FOR SALE.—Rhoad Island Reds—fine vigorous stock and excellent layers.

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E. I. Alper, Eye Specialist, West Main street, Middletown, Del. Examination and advice free. Office hours 8.30 A. M., to 9 P. M., every Saturday.

Mr. John E. Ginn the local paper hanger has secured the contract to paper the new dwelling of Mr. Harman Reynolds in Townsend.

LAND LIME Agency for "Wrightsville," "Schuykill" and "High C," high grade Land Limes. Best prices.

G. E. HUKILL.

Until further notice the Middletown Public Library will be open on Tuesday and Saturday afternoons from 3.30 to 5, and Saturday evenings from 7 to 8.30.

The Odd Fellows' attended the services in Forest Presbyterian Church Tuesday evening, when Rev. J. B. Turner of Dover preached an able sermon to the order.

Mr. Frank L. Cates has rented the office of the late G. W. W. Naudain on North Broad street, and moved his office fixtures into his new quarters on Tuesday.

Mr. Walter Monro is busily engaged this week making improvements and repairs to the room on East Main street recently vacated by Mr. W. B. Kates, which he will occupy on March 25th.

EGGS FOR HATCHING.—Pure bred S. C. White Leghorns, White Wyandottes and Barred Rocks, 15 for \$100; 100 for \$5.00.

T. R. BRADSHAW, Evergreen Farm, Odessa, Del.

FOR SALE.—The property of the late Marcellus Jones on South Broad street. For particulars apply to

J. R. HOFFMEYER, Middletown, Del.

Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending March 3d: Miss Lizzie Jefferson, Miss Susie Jenkins, James Butcher (dead letter), John Jones, Robert Jones and Isiah Higgins.

Mrs. C. B. Satterfield who recently purchased the property on North Broad street occupied by the Y's and Reef exchange store, has a large force of carpenters at work adding an extra story to the building which she will use as a dwelling when completed.

An epidemic of grip is due. The disease is already quite prevalent, and the warm, spring time, with the prevailing dampness wherever the soil is getting soft under the sun's influence, are contributing to conditions favorable for the spread of the disease.

Mr. William B. Kates has removed from the Roberts property on East Main street and is now occupying the store and dwelling recently vacated by Mrs. McColgan. Mr. Kates will continue the restaurant and ice cream business and will be glad to see all of his old friends at the new stand.

Culhane, Chase & Weston's Minstrels attracted a small audience to the Middletown Opera House Thursday evening, but those who attended were delighted with the program, and should the minstrels decide to return here in the near future a large audience will no doubt greet them.

A pleasant social was given at the reading room of the Young Woman's Christian Temperance Union Monday evening. One of the features was the presentation to the Y's of a large portrait of Frances Willard by Mrs. William H. Moore, in behalf of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Mr. Charles S. Montgomery has rented the room adjoining the Globe Clothing Store, and in a few days will open a first-class restaurant and candy kitchen. Mr. Montgomery is a practical candy maker, and will make a large per cent of the candies he handles, thus assuring his patrons that his goods are fresh at all times.

Mr. Joshua Clayton had an exceedingly fine capon on exhibition in front of Mr. W. T. Connelley's store on Thursday. The bird weighed 9½ pounds when dressed and was greatly admired by all who saw it. Mr. Clayton takes great pride in his flock of capons, and during the past year raised a large number of them.

At the Town Election on Monday last Messrs. George V. Peverley and John W. Denny were elected Town Commissioners to fill the vacancies of Messrs. William E. Cochran and George G. Rowe whose terms had expired. Joseph A. Snyder was elected Assessor and Edward Reynolds was elected Treasurer without opposition, while A. G. Cox was re-elected Alderman.

"Hoard's Dairyman" says: "Good profit can often be made on products of the farm, like seed, grain, dairy cattle, well bred pigs and fowls, by advertising them in the local paper. The paper is a go-between that should be used more than it is. Farmers should use good business judgment as well as merchants and manufacturers. It is more than half the battle to be a good seller."

Are you watching the label on your paper? By referring to it you will see the month and year up to which your subscription to this Transcript is paid. Don't allow the bill to grow and then blame the publisher for not notifying you. Your account, just as it stands, is before you every issue you receive, and there is no excuse for not knowing when you are in arrears. If you are indebted kindly make us a remittance.

Mr. John P. McIntyre, of the Middletown Hotel has purchased a large red fox, and had completed arrangements for a big fox chase Friday morning, but owing to the weather being so unfavorable, the fox was not liberated. Mr. M. has decided to postpone the event until Tuesday morning, March 15th, at 10 o'clock. All lovers of fox hunting are invited to attend and participate in the chase.

The local branch of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Wilmington Conference was well represented at the 18th annual convention, which convened in Wilmington on Thursday. The ladies who were in attendance were Mrs. Jesse L. Shepherd, Mrs. M. B. Burris, Mrs. J. C. Parker, Mrs. J. B. Mesick, Mrs. Samuel Price, Mrs. J. C. Sittes, Miss Elizabeth Shepherd and Miss Eliza Hurn.

Washington Camp, No. 9, P. O. S. of A., held a social smoker in their room on Wednesday evening, and the members and invited friends spent a most delightful evening. Mr. Joseph A. Snyder made a short address on the principles of the order, after which refreshments consisting of pie, milk and cake were served. The local Camp is increasing its membership rapidly, and the members are striving to make their Camp one hundred strong.

THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO GET THE BAKERS.—The balance of the stock must be sold by the 20th of March, prices will be no consideration. Furniture, carpets, matting, oil cloth and household goods. Also men's, boys' and young men's suits and overcoats, ladies' skirts, waists and petticoats, must be sold by the date mentioned above. Store fixtures for sale, 1 horse, 1 buggy, 1 wagon, 2 sets harness. Don't miss this last opportunity. L. BARN, Corner Main and Broad streets, Middletown, Del.

The shad is the most delicious of all fish visiting the Delaware river and tributaries. They come to us from the river and bay for breakfast when fished only a few hours before, so that ice never touches them. Within a few days there will be shad in the Delaware river unless the fish are delayed by stormy weather. Last season they were late coming. The herring is the fore-runner of the shad, and has already arrived.

The weather has at last moderated and spring seems to have begun. We do not remember that we ever saw as many people tired of winter. There has been very little doing in every line and people had about lost the power and energy to do things. Now the farmer will begin to plan for his spring work, and things will begin to hum. Already there is a noticeable difference in the way people are getting around. The storekeepers have also begun to wear a more cheerful smile.

At a meeting held in the Sunday School room of Bethesda M. E. Church on Thursday evening, February 25th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Superintendent, Alfred G. Cox; Assistant Superintendent, Martin B. Burris; Secretary, Samuel Price; Assistant Secretary, Daniel Stevens; Treasurer, Elwood Denny; Chorister, Mrs. Samuel Price; Pianist, Miss Lena Pleasant; Librarian, Harry Jones; Superintendent of Primary Department, Miss Anna Freeman; Assistants, Mrs. Charles Ritchie and Miss May Kumpel; Organist, Mr. Albert Massey.

THE TRANSCRIPT will be glad to receive items of interest to its readers. If you are going visiting, or if some one is visiting you, if you entertain your friends or your friends entertain you, if you have ideas looking toward the advancement of our town, all these things we would like to have. It is impossible for us to see and know all without some help from our friends, and we want every reader of THE TRANSCRIPT to feel that he or she is a factor in furnishing the various news happenings that occur. We want this paper to help in the advancement of our town and we exert every effort in that direction.

We often hear parents criticize the school teachers and uphold their children in matters that should be left to the teacher. This is a mistake. Don't neglect to thank the teachers of our schools often, not only for their tireless efforts to instruct your children in book education, but for manners and courtesies that will be a never-ending source of pride and comfort both to parents and children for years. Teach the children to be obedient and respectful to their teacher, a thing that is sometimes overlooked. And don't blame the teachers if your child does not learn as fast as you think he should. It is nearly always the pupil and not the teacher. We know these things to be true from personal observation.

For several weeks the Woman's Home Missionary Society of Bethesda M. E. Church have been working actively to increase their membership, and their efforts have met with great success. The old members tendered the young members a reception at the home of Mrs. M. B. Burris on Monday evening last. Mrs. N. M. Browne, Conference President, was expected, but was unavoidably detained. The following program was rendered: Singing, "Nearer My God to Thee"; prayer, Rev. Dr. Wyatt; Scripture lesson, Mrs. Jesse Shepherd; vocal solo, "Little Boy Blue," Miss Susan Arthur, accompanied by her sister, Miss Sylvia Arthur; reading, Mrs. Jesse Shepherd; vocal solo, Mrs. and Mrs. Samuel Price; vocal solo, Samuel Price; vocal solo, Miss Eva Atkins; address, Rev. Dr. Wyatt; duet, Misses Lena Pleasant and Susan Arthur. At the close of the program, chicken salad, biscuits, coffee, ice-cream and cake were served.

A patient medicine swindler has been bamboozling the residents of Thoroughfare Neck recently. He has for sale an alleged wonderful vegetable compound that will cure every ailment that flesh is heir to, put up in pint bottles in attractively decorated cartons, which he offers at one dollar per bottle. If he does not succeed in making a sale, to introduce it he will give one or two bottles free of charge with every bottle purchased. So persistent is he and offering apparently so much for the money that this bargain is generally accepted. In some instances he sold as high as three bottles for twenty-five cents, at the rate of one and one-half gallons of the medicine for one dollar, and the victims of the fake find themselves in the possession of an acid mixture of bitter salts and water, which as one who lived in it says: "would make a pig squeal." Dozens of bottles of the bitter stuff were left in the Thoroughfare Neck and the roll of money the swindler had in his possession showed that he had found many easy marks.

The fifth and last entertainment of the Star Course under the auspices of the Y. P. S. C. E. of Forest Presbyterian Church will be a lecture by Dr. George Hindley entitled, "Will It Take." Dr. Hindley is known from the Atlantic to the Pacific. As an Academy Principal, College President, Preacher, Lecturer, and through it all, doing considerable newspaper work, he has learned what the public needs and is able to give it in an attractive manner. He has traveled extensively in this country, Canada and Europe. Dr. Hindley's lectures are scholarly, and at the same time are interspersed with bright sallies of wit, assuring his audience of a few good hearty laughs while listening to his entertaining stories adorning the presentation of serious truths. He is a gifted orator and a natural story-teller.

### PERSONALITIES

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Miss Lily Scott was in Philadelphia on Thursday.

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Mr. Jesse L. Shepherd was a Philadelphia visitor on Thursday.

Mr. Robert Jones, of Philadelphia, was the guest of relatives in town Friday.

Miss Sylvia Arthur, of Kenton, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. M. B. Burris.

Miss Martha O. Knight, of Magnolia, has been the guest of Mrs. Ella Penington.

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Mr. and Mrs. Earl Goldborough were Sunday visitors among Middleneck relatives and friends.

Mrs. Andrew E. Holten was called to Georgetown this week by the illness of her son, Wallace.

Mrs. H. V. Parvis and daughter, Miss Grace, have returned from a lengthy visit in Wilmington and Lancaster, Pa.

"Squire A. G. Cox has been confined to his bed for the past week, but is reported as being somewhat improved at this writing.

Mr. William Scott is critically ill at his home on North Broad street, and his relatives and friends have little hope for his recovery.

### CHURCH NOTES

The Rev. William J. Hamilton, rector of Christ Church, Delaware City, is expected to preach in St. Anne's Church next Wednesday evening. All are cordially invited.

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The teachers of Townsend and vicinity attended the local teachers' Institute held in Middletown Saturday.

Mr. John Townsend who he engaged in the insurance business in Virginia, spent several days this week with his family.

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### OBITUARY

CHARLES RILEY.

Mr. Charles Riley who for the past year has been living at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Boehm on Main St., died very suddenly of heart disease last Monday morning. He had been as usual, and there were no premonitory signs of illness. Before his daughter could reach him, he had fallen to the floor and before medical aid could be summoned he had expired. Mr. Riley was about seventy-three years old, and the greater part of his life had been near St. Georges. He was a member of National Lodge No. 32, I. O. O. F., of St. Georges, and was highly respected. The remains were taken to St. Georges Wednesday and the funeral service was held in the St. Georges Presbyterian church by Dr. C. T. Wyatt, pastor of Bethesda M. E. Church, Middletown. Dr. Milligan and Rev. O. S. Martin assisted in the service. The pall bearers were a delegation from Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 9, of this town, and from National Lodge, St. Georges. After the service at the church the remains were interred in St. Georges Cemetery where the Odd Fellows performed the last and rites of their order. The service was most impressive.

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# The Youngest Miss Passingham

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK)

## CHAPTER VI

After Molly had left her in her sister's room, Stella lay down on the lounge, and, weary from a night of sleep, soon fell fast asleep. Her eyes had not long been closed, when Miss Passingham awoke. She raised herself on her elbow, and looked round the room with an eager glance. Her haggard face brightened when she saw that Stella was asleep. With a painful effort—she felt very weak—she drew herself into a sitting posture and opened the desk by her side. It contained paper and envelopes and a stylographic pen. Slowly and with difficulty she wrote a short letter and enclosed it in an envelope. She had just managed to address and seal it and place it in the desk, when Stella started up, conscious of having slept at her post.

Oh, Catherine, did you call me? How could I have done that! Did you want anything?

Nothing at all. I was glad to see that you were resting. Did I frighten you last night, child? You look very white.

I was frightened a little, Stella confessed. But you are better now—are you not, Catherine? Molly said that she thought that you were much better.

Yes—I am much better. Where is Molly? But she went on, without waiting for Stella's answer, I hear Jane to the other room. Tell her to ask James to bring me up the letter-box when it comes. And make Molly go to bed. She has been up all night. But I can trust you to look after her, Stella. You always loved her. Go now, and leave me to Jane.

Stella went quickly to Molly's room, but, not finding her there, passed on to her own room to dress, intending to go out in the garden and seek her sister for not resting. She felt sure that she would find her among her roses. Later in the morning she meant to tell her what she had told Anthony the night before. But there was time enough for that. She would wait until Molly had had a good rest.

She had finished dressing and was about to leave her room, when there was a knock at the door. Miss Passingham's maid had come to ask her to go to her mistress.

She has a letter for you, Miss Stella. And she wants to give it to you herself. Stella blushed guiltily. She guessed from whom the letter must have come, and a little half-frightened smile curled her lips as the idea flashed upon her that Catherine knew Mr. Creighton's handwriting, and was about to cross-examine her on the extent of their acquaintance.

A few moments afterwards Molly came slowly across the lawn from the woods. Her face looked very worn in the morning light, but it was very calm. The bitter unreasonable jealousy of Stella, which had shaken her gentle soul to its depths, had lasted only for a moment or two. She remembered how unwittingly Stella had stolen her happiness—that phantom happiness which had never really been hers. She told herself that she had been mad to dream for an instant that Alan loved her still. Any pale memory that he retained of her must have vanished when he and Stella met. How could he help loving Stella? He had been intensely fond of her. And now he must never know that Catherine had done—must never know the truth. Molly felt that that was the one thing which she could not bear now—that he should know how she had loved him.

She was thinking, as she crossed the lawn, how best to tell Catherine of Stella's engagement. She feared for the effect that it might have on her, yet it was clear that she must be told, and soon. For Alan was coming to Newlyn that day, so Anthony had said. She shrank intensely from telling her herself, yet she saw that she must do it. And she waited for a moment in the cool draft of the hall to gather strength for the ordeal before going upstairs.

Suddenly she heard a faint cry from above, then Miss Passingham's door was flung open and Stella came running out. But Molly was half way upstairs by that time, and met her in the gallery.

Oh, Molly, come quickly! Stella cried. Catherine is ill again.

Molly rushed into her sister's room. Catherine had fallen back on the pillows, gray and rigid. She lay like one already dead, except for the burning misery in her sunken yet brilliant eyes.

It was a return of the fainting-fit, and was very severe, being followed by a slight paralytic stroke. But there was no immediate danger, the doctor said when he came. She would probably regain her speech, which she had temporarily lost, in a few days. All that could be done was to watch her carefully and keep up her strength.

But even such a little shock as that was bad for her. I would rather have told any number of white lies than have made her ill like that.

It was not your fault, dear. Do not be troubled, said Molly gently. She had allowed Stella to lean down on the window seat, and had left her hands in hers. They were as cold as ice and trembling with a good deal, but Stella was too excited to notice that. And so you have a great deal to tell me—all that you ought to have told me weeks ago, you naughty child! Will not Mr. Creighton scold you for leaving us in ignorance so long? We know him very well, remember.

Yes; he told me you did, Stella answered quickly, enlarging a little on the truth. For Mr. Creighton had spoken so cordly of her sisters that she had imagined that they were the merest acquaintances. I expect that he will scold me a little. But that does not matter much, does it? I care a great deal more for your confidence, darling Molly. He is very much surprised to find that I am here. He did not know till he reached London yesterday. But he is glad, he says. He thought that I ought to spend a little time here before we are married. When he arranged about Newlyn I believe he intended that I should spend the autumn with you. He is rather a masterful person, isn't he? Even Aunt Lydia was afraid of him. But I am not—no, not a bit!

He spoils you, I expect, said Molly, with white lips that smiled.

Stella reflected a little, her eyes dancing. All the shadow which her talk with Anthony had left behind seemed to have faded. She was concerned about poor Catherine; but except for that, as she told herself, she was radiant with happiness. What girl would not be happy with a rich and adoring lover hastening to her side?

He likes me to have my own way. I—that is, I know that he would give me anything I wished for. I shall wish for a great many things. He will find out what a greedy little person I am when we are married. Oh, Molly, darling, do not look so grave and shocked! But no wonder you look shocked. You must think me unkind for not telling you before. But I wanted you to have a nice happy time with nothing to worry you. I hint to you that I was grown up. I was just that and nothing more. Say you forgive me, Molly.

Of course I forgive you, dear child! It would have been better if you had told me at first, I think. We were taken by surprise. And he is coming to Newlyn to-day, Anthony said.

He is coming to call here this morning. But I will write and tell him to put his visit off. He will understand when he hears how ill Catherine is.

He won't understand! Of course he must know! I should like to see him. Stella, Molly wondered as she said it, how she could speak so calmly. He would be my brother very soon. Now I must go back to Catherine, dear. She drew Stella quickly to her and kissed her. Send James to tell me when you would like me to come down, she said. I shall stay in Catherine's room till then. Keep him to lunch, remember. You will have a great deal to say to each other.

It was nearly luncheon time when Alan Creighton stepped up the drive. The path on the hill would have taken the end of the distance greatly for him, but he had preferred to follow the road. He was a well-built man, with black thoughtful eyes and a short dark beard perfectly trimmed. His thirty-seven years had not dealt lightly with him, for gray had streaked his hair and beard, and his look was habitually subdued, as though he lived much within himself. He had told himself that it was better not to be too early, as Miss Passingham was an invalid and he wished to see her. He had the pearls in his pocket. He had put them there with a smile, thinking of Stella's look of delight when she should open the case. But his face had quickly lost the smile. Anyone meeting him in the road would have guessed that he believed himself to be a happy man. His lips were tightly set, and he looked steadily in front of him, his thick brows drawn together in a slight frown that might have meant perplexity or annoyance or anger, but certainly did not signify happiness.

On receiving Molly's second letter—that cold heartless letter which in reality had come from Catherine's pen—he had sternly determined to cure himself of his senseless passion for a woman who did not care a fig for him, who had not even heart enough to be sorry for the pain she gave. He had left England, and had plunged into a life of adventure which had brought him the forgetfulness that he had craved for. When he had returned to England he had felt himself altogether heart-whole, and it had been easy to believe that the affectionate admiration which he felt for Stella was that second love which is proverbially wiser than the first. It had been no drawback that she was Molly's sister; he had even felt some satisfaction in the thought. It would be in his power now to prove to Molly how entirely he had forgotten and forgiven.

But even that first walk was to prove to him that he was very far from forgetting. He had chosen the road rather than that path among the heather where he had walked so often by Molly's side, and when he caught sight of the Grange his heart gave a tumultuous throbbing. It was the memory of the past that caused it rather than the thought of Stella.

He was glad that Stella did not keep him waiting long in the familiar drawing room. But he did not get the delightful look which he had expected when he gave her the pearls. She gazed at them eagerly and thanked him in the prettiest way; but there was something which he missed—he could not tell what. He thought it must be her sister's illness that had changed her, and had stolen some of the bloom from her cheek, the light from her pretty eyes.

This was a sad house for you, he said after a time. Are you wanted here, Stella? Would you not like to go to Coves with your aunt and cousin? Mrs. Harrington told me yesterday that she wished that you would join them.

What made you come here so suddenly? I could not find out from your aunt. Stella had started and changed color at the suggestion that she should leave the Grange, but now a mischievous smile stole round her lips.

Aunt and I agreed that it was better for me to come here while you were away, she said demurely. You can ask her to tell you her reasons the next time you see her. But do you want me to go to Coves? Are you so anxious to get rid of me?

I should go too, of course, he said hastily. What would you like to do? That is the question.

Somewhere deep down in Stella's heart there was the consciousness that she would be miserable at Coves—miserable anywhere away from the Grange. But she pretended to hesitate, looking smilingly at her lover.

Molly said that you spoiled me, she answered after a second or two; for I know that you hate Coves. I remember your telling me so. No—I will stay here, please. I want to. And I am really comfortable to Molly. She will tell you so. I will ask her to come down now, and you shall hear what she says.

Molly appeared just as luncheon was announced. There was only time for a word or two before they went into the dining room. Alan had determined beforehand to greet her with the affectionate friendliness that a future brother had a right to show, but he found this impossible. His fingers were as icy as hers as he took her hand for an instant, and his voice was stammered out. He made the proper inquiries for Miss Passingham and asked if there were anything which he could do. They must make use of him in every way, he said. He should feel that he must keep away from the house if they did not.

But it was so coldly said, and with such an evident effort, that Stella felt at first impatient and then distressed. It would be dreadful if he and Molly were not going to get on. In a little while, when she had learned to feel quite at home with him again as she used to feel in Scotland, she would tell him that she meant Molly to live with them. He would have to understand that she never meant to be parted for very long from Molly again.

Luncheon was rather a silent meal, and directly it was over Molly went back to Catherine's room. Alan had an appointment to keep with his uncle's bailiff, but he stayed for a short time, and it was then that Stella told him of her secret concerning their engagement. She did not tell him that the disclosure had probably helped to bring on Catherine's paralytic seizure. He looked grave enough without that; he seemed quite hurt and displeased. And he did not regain his good humor before going away. Stella gave an unmistakable sigh of relief when she saw his upright, square-shouldered figure disappear behind the trees. She stood at the window for some moments longer, breathing the sweetness of the summer air. It was sunny, but a delicious breeze was blowing. It was the very afternoon for a walk. If only Anthony would come and take her for one of their long rambles!

The wish had risen before she was aware of it—not a mere fleeting wish, but a longing that took hold of her, and mastered her altogether for the moment. She knew now why the day had seemed so blank, even with Alan to talk to. Alan was too grave, too old to fill Anthony's place. And he had grown older and graver since they parted. Why did not Anthony come? He could not be so angry with her as to intend to keep away altogether.

Even as she said this to herself she caught a glimpse of him through the trees. Her face grew red and then turned pale. She felt afraid to meet him, lest he might look at her as he had looked the night before. She went quickly to the dining room, where James was clearing the luncheon table, and told him that she was going to lie down, and did not wish to be disturbed unless Miss Molly wanted her.

CHAPTER VII

Kind Mrs. Deane had asked the elder girls in the Sunday School to tea on her lawn, and Stella and Nina Chilcot and one or two of the teachers had come to help her entertain them. Just as tea was over Anthony made his appearance, bringing with him a basket of fine peaches from his garden. He was to be Dartmoor for a week trout-fishing, and had returned that morning.

For a little while he had preserved in the part which he had to play, and had visited as usual at the Grange, where his cheerfulness and friendly interest in her engagement had somehow irritated Stella almost beyond endurance. But after some days of this he had eagerly accepted the invitation of a friend to join him for a week.

It had been even harder than he had expected to see Stella and Alan Creighton together—harder still to make cheerful talk with Stella alone. Yet he had no sooner heard from his housekeeper of Mrs. Deane's Sunday School party than he had sent her to get the peaches for him to take down. He guessed that Stella would be there, and he meant to walk back with her through the valley to the Grange. He was craving to see her, to speak to her, to touch her little hand, to look into her clear gray eyes. He knew that he was preparing bitter pain for himself—that, he told himself, he could bear—but he found life impossible away from Stella. But for the promise which he had given his friend he would have come back long before the week was over. It was torture to be near her, but it was still more so to be away from her.

Stella was talking to Mrs. Deane when he arrived. But he had only a word with her. She carried off his peaches in triumph to distribute among the girls, while Mrs. Deane kept him to make endless inquiries about his sister.

When at last he got away on the plea that he might be useful in the games, he was waylaid by Nina Chilcot and taken off to the tennis ground to help her initiate into the mysteries of tennis two red-checked dandies who had never held a racket in their hands before.

Only a wire netting divided the tennis ground from the lawn, and Stella could watch that game as she played with the other girls. Nina and Anthony were supposed to be in opposite courts, but it seemed that a great deal of consultation was necessary, and Nina was constantly at Anthony's side discussing some point with him, or, as Stella said viciously to herself, firing disgracefully with him.

Mrs. Deane, who was dozing in her comfortable wicker chair, was startled a little by a clear voice speaking at her elbow.

Mrs. Deane, I am sorry to leave so soon, but I must go back now. Alan is coming.

Then of course you must go, my dear, said Mrs. Deane, sitting up and smiling drowsily at her. I wish he could have come with you, but I don't suppose he would care for this sort of thing.

I don't suppose he would, said Stella rather dully. No—please don't get up. You must be very tired. But I am sure that the girls have enjoyed themselves hugely.

Yes—it has been a great success, I think, thanks to you and the others, my dear. Give my love to Molly. I shall come to see her to-morrow. I wish she could go away for a change. She looks worn out with anxiety.

Stella sighed.

I am sure that she feels so, but she won't confess it; she says that she gets plenty of rest. Do come and lecture her to-morrow, Mrs. Deane. Now I must be off.

She went out by the little gate farthest from the tennis-ground. A glance over her shoulder had shown her that Nina and Anthony were standing together again and were absorbed in merry talk. She held her little head high, and there was a certain flush in her cheeks as she went quickly up the valley path. It was nothing to her whom Anthony chose to amuse himself with of course. But after being away for a whole week he might have talked to her a little before devoting himself so entirely to Nina. The next time they met she would show him what she thought of his behavior.

Suddenly the sound of an eager step behind her made her heart leap. She walked on however as though she had not heard it, with a satisfied smile stealing over her face. She had not expected to have an opportunity of punishing Mr. Anthony so soon. In a moment he was by her side.

Let me carry that basket, he said, trying to take it from her. Are these peaches for Miss Mary? Mrs. Deane's pantries are finer than anybody's. But how soon you are going home! You have left them all bewailing.

Stella would not give up her basket. There is no reason why you should be torn away from them as well, she said coldly. Please go back.

Anthony looked at her wonderingly. Her voice was not so cool as she fancied; there was unmistakable temper in it.

Let me walk a little way with you, he said. I have not seen you for a week. I want to know more exactly how Miss Catherine is.

Stella made no attempt to walk on, and her gray eyes were as cold and as unresponsive as pebbles.

The doctor says that she is better, but we can see no change. I told you that just now. Molly looks very pale. But you will see for yourself to-morrow. Of course she will expect you. We heard that you were coming back to-day.

I came back two hours ago. I was thinking of talking to the Grange with you to see Miss Mary, but if you would rather I did not.

This was taking her at her word far too readily, Stella felt that if he had really wanted to accompany her he would have shown much more eagerness.

No—please go back! she said sharply. There are other people waiting for you and Miss Chilcot. It would be a pity to disappoint them.

She gave him a cool little nod, and walked on with her head in the air. Anthony gazed after her for a moment and then slowly retraced his steps. It was perfectly plain to him that Stella was very much vexed about something. Could she possibly suppose that he had wanted to play that stupid game with Nina Chilcot instead of talking to her? Was she angry with him because she believed that? The mere thought sent a thrill of delight through him. For Stella angry with him was better than Stella indifferent. But the next moment he laughed bitterly at himself for his foolish presumption. A thousand things might have happened to annoy Stella that he knew nothing of. And probably Creighton was waiting for her in the woods. What a fool he had been to offer to accompany her! Of course she did not want him.

Stella went homeward along a narrow footpath that led by a round-about way through the woods to the back of the house. It was the sweetest of woodland paths, carpeted with soft turf on which the sunlight played through interlacing boughs. After some distance it opened into a fairy-like space girdled by old mosses, where a spring of clear water bubbled up continually in a mossy basin sunk deep in the turf under the shade of a mountain-ash.

This was the "Wishing Well." Years ago Stella had crept out at sunrise one midsummer morning to wish that Tony would spend his holidays at Deepsend and not with his uncle in Yorkshire, and had been arranged, and a thrill of wondering belief in the virtues of the old well had gone through her when she heard a few days afterwards that Sir George had been ordered to the Grange. He had been ordered to the Grange, and that Tony was consequently coming home as usual.

She had told Anthony about this as they had stood by the well the last time she had come this way. It was one of the walks which she had forbidden herself with Alan. She felt as if some sweet hidden charm would vanish for ever if he brought him there.

She bent over the well for a moment now and looked at the reflection of her own face—a pale trembling little face with lips closed together in a rather a bitter curve. She was wondering if Anthony would soon bring Nina Chilcot here. It was not only the "Wishing Well," but also the "Lovers' Well." On Sunday mornings rustic couples would make pilgrimages to the well, to be plighted of their vows. The rim of the stone basin was soft with deep green moss, and the pale golden-brown ivy trailed. Stella picked a bit of ivy and spray or two of feathery green moss and pressed them into the front of her dress for the sake of "An' Lang Syne." At any rate, Nina Chilcot had never been Tony's little friend and comrade.

She walked more briskly the rest of the way. The stable clock was striking six as she entered the old garden through the door in the ivy-covered wall. As she came out to the lawn she saw that Alan had already come. He was talking to Molly, sitting very upright in his chair with his arms crossed. Stella was a good distance off, but his very attitude showed her how cold and formal the talk had been.

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